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**Sent:** Sun 8/9/2015 3:23:08 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine update

Sarah,

According to our mapping it is only about 75 stream miles from Farmington to the Utah border. At a velocity of 3 mph we would expect the plume to hit Utah late morning today. What is the 5:00 a.m. Monday estimate based on and who made it.

Walt  
Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2015, at 8:53 AM, Bahrman, Sarah <[Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov](mailto:Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Walt-

I understand that you're frustrated. We are working to determine ways to get information out faster, but we also want to make sure the information we are releasing is accurate and interpreted, and that takes some time.

The next set of data should be out later this morning. I had told you more data would be out yesterday and I'm sorry that did not happen. I will share info with you as soon as I get it.

As for the plume, the last location I heard was it was past Kirtland, NM. The latest travel time estimate I heard was the leading edge was expected to reach the UT border at about 5am Monday.

I want to reiterate that we have heard from you and many others that info is coming out too slowly, and we will do our best to change that with more regular communication.

Thanks  
Sarah

On Aug 9, 2015, at 6:29 AM, Walter Baker <[wbaker@utah.gov](mailto:wbaker@utah.gov)> wrote:

Sarah,

I am increasingly frustrated. No new qualitative data has been posted by EPA in over 30 hours. Even the most basic of pH data. There has been no update in pictures since last Thursday even though EPA flies the rivers twice daily. I have no idea where the plume is or when it will reach certain locations. I was told yesterday I would be given

non-public rights to info at the incident webpage. Communication with my state has been poor. Am I missing communication that has happened or data that's out there somewhere?

What will EPA do to change this condition?

Walt

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 8, 2015, at 8:53 PM, Bahrman, Sarah <[Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov](mailto:Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov)> wrote:

Wanted to make sure you all received this. Thanks

Begin forwarded message:

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Good Evening Everyone,

Please see the attached EPA statement for August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Also, some of you may have already heard through other channels but, there is pH, dissolved metals and other information on the website – [www.epaosc.org/goldkingmine](http://www.epaosc.org/goldkingmine).

Thank you,

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